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Inventor(s): Russell A. HOUSER et al.  
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Examiner: Ahmed M. Farah  
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## NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

Applicants hereby notify the Patent and Trademark Office that they are no longer desirous of small entity status and that the claim for small entity status is hereby withdrawn. This notice is being filed after the payment of the Issue Fee.

Applicants are submitting the deficiency payment owed for each previous fee erroneously paid as a small entity, as required under 37 CFR §1.28(c).

The Issue Fee was erroneously paid as a small entity in the amount of \$700.00 on April 9, 2007. The current Issue Fee amount for a non-small entity is \$1,510.00. The deficiency owed amount for the Issue Fee is \$810.00.

The Maintenance Fee was erroneously paid as a small entity in the amount of \$490 on November 4, 2010. The current Maintenance Fee amount for a non-small entity is \$980. The deficiency owed amount for the Maintenance Fee is \$490.

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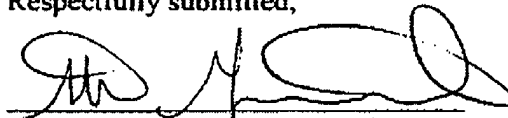
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Therefore, the total deficiency payment owed is \$1,300; the required payment is being concurrently submitted.

In the event the appropriate fee and/or petition is not filed herewith and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-3973 referencing Attorney Docket No.

HNMDNN00101. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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